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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN EXPORT REGULATIONS FOR BIRDS

REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 0609 (NOTAL, (B) MANAGUA A-4, 1/18/77 (NOTAL),
(C) 76 MANAGUA 5721

1. WITH REGARD TO AGATT'S REQUEST (REF A) THAT EMBASSY ASSIST
US BIRD IMPORTER BY NOTIFYING NICARAGUAN DIRGEN OF LIVESTOCK
THAT USDA DOES NOT REQUIRE QUARANTINE OF BIRDS PRIOR TO THEIR
IMPORTATION INTO THE US, EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT:

A. NICARAGUAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE REQUIRES CERTIFICATION BY
VETERINARY DOCTOR THAT BIRDS HAVE BEEN QUARANTINED FOR 90 DAYS
BEFORE IT WILL ISSUE AN EXPORT PERMIT. WHETHER MINAG INSTITUTED
THIS REQUIREMENT IN RESPONSE TO USDA OR US FISH AND WILDLIFE
SERVICE CONCERNS IS NOT CLEAR, SINCE REGULATION APPLIES TO
SHIPMENTS TO ALL FOREIGN DESTINATIONS.

B. US IMPORTERS OF BIRDS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT NICARAGUA CURRENTLY
HAS IN EFFECT TOTAL PROHIBITION ON EXPORTS OF BIRDS (REF B).
THIS PROHIBITION TOOK EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1977 AND WILL REMAIN
IN EFFECT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS UNTIL AN OFFICIAL QUARANTINE
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STATION CAN BE PUT INTO OPERATION. NICARAGUA HAS RECENTLY HAD
SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE EXPORTS OF BIRDS, SUCH AS PARROTS,
PARRAKEETS, ETC., AS MANY WERE FOUND TO HAVE NEWCASTLE DISEASE
AFTER REACHING THEIR FOREIGN DESTINATIONS (REF C AND STATE A-5877,
12/9/76).

2. GIVEN CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH NEWCASTLE DISEASE, EMBASSY BELIEVES

IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO ENCOURAGE MINAG, IN ANY WAY, TO SLACKEN ITS HEALTH REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY THEREFORE DOES NOT PLAN TO PASS ON CONTENTS OF REF A.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF USDA AND US FWS REGULATIONS ON IMPORATION OF BIRDS FOR ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH MINAG OFFICIALS AND LOCAL EXPORTERS. MEANWHILE US IMPORTERS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF PROHIBITION ON EXPORTS OF ALL BIRDS FOR THE TIME BEING.
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